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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE COS FOLLOW-UP ON US-ARAB COOPERATION;

PRESIDENT'S JUNE 4 SPEECH

REF:CAIRO 1258 Classified By: Classified By: Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Matthew H. Tueller Reasons: 1.4 (B) and (D)  
1.(C) Key points: - Arab League (AL) Chief of Staff Hisham Yousef gave Min-Cons a well-developed list of initial ideas for U.S.-Arab cooperative  
2.(SBU) Arab League COS Yousef briefed Min-Cons July 20 on AL Secretariat initial ideas for enhancing U.S.-Arab ties in economic, media and cul  
3.(SBU) Social development: Yousef said education was critical, and an AL-sponsored regional approach for U.S. training of Arab teachers and st  
4.(SBU) Media: Yousef said the "perception gap" on both sides was a problem to be addressed. There have been regional media conferences in the  
5.(SBU) Cultural issues: Yousef said that the "Arabesque" cultural program at the Kennedy Center (earlier in the year) had been very successful  
6.(SBU) Min-Cons welcomed Yousef's ideas. He noted that the USG's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) is regionally focused on some of th  
7.(C) Comment: We recognize the AL's poor track record on economic and social projects, heightened by the fact that major initiatives require c  
8.(U) Action request: Please advise which of the areas enumerated by Yousef we should focus on in our next meeting, as well as any counter-prog